

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST GRADE STUDENTS

1. All of the requirements for older students listed elsewhere in this packet of materials.
2. Six years of age prior to September 30th.
3. Successfully pass a reading readiness test.
 - A. This test measures the maturity of a child. It enables the school to know whether the child is mature enough to enter our learning to read program, the "ABC's of ACE."
 - B. There are no materials which a child should study to prepare for this test. It is *maturity* which is being measured.
 - C. Criteria for Evaluation:
 1. Testing - (one day)
 2. Learning Center Procedures - (2 to 3 days from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
 - a. maturity evaluation
 - b. can they fulfill class responsibilities
 3. In the case where the students do not meet the above criteria, parents may be asked to come in and observe their child
 - D. **Please wait until your child has successfully passed the reading readiness test before telling him/her that he/she will definitely be attending the school. Instead, it would be wise to explain to your child that this test will help determine whether he/she will begin school this year or next year. Being low-key will prevent your child from being greatly disappointed if they are not yet mature enough to begin school.**
4. Students transferring into the second grade will also be subject to step #3 above. There are many variables involved with your child being ready to learn in this environment. Insuring that your child will be able to achieve and develop confidence in their work is critical
5. Past experience has proven that when a child has been denied entrance into the first grade, it is best to work that child into a kindergarten program at home rather than trying to push them into first grade work. Many times the child will still place in first grade when returning for evaluation the following year. We *highly* recommend the *ABC's of ACE Kindergarten Program* for all students that were denied entrance into the first grade. The school office can provide you with information on how to obtain this curriculum material.